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A Weekly Devotional from the
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Dirty Laundry & Dirty Souls

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I'll never forget when I went off to college for the first time. Like most young people my age, this was the first time I was on my own. There were so many changes and adjustments to get used to. One of the more critical adjustments was learning to do my own laundry. I was clueless. That's why I treasured a piece of paper my Mother had hand written for me. It was a step by step list of "washing instructions." It told me what to wash in warm and cold water, told me when to add the fabric softener, and other needed matters. I valued this sheet of paper and kept it folded up in my wallet for quick and easy reference.

Now let's shift from doing the wash to being a Christian. It's not easy to be a Christian. There are things we must and must not do. Fortunately for us, God loved us enough to leave us a list of instructions; a book of guidelines that if followed, will tell us everything we need to know in order to be a faithful Christian.

My question is, "To what extent do we cherish God's list of instructions?" When's the last time you've consulted his list of instructions, the Bible? Could it be that we are more concerned with removing stains from our clothing than we are removing the stains of sin from our souls? Give it some thought.